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54 MILES FROM PARIS

Resistance Tough In Warsaw Sector; Tank Clash Rages

Russian Baltic Forces Slug Toward Riga; Gain In Prussia

LONDON, Aug. 11—Russian armies aimed new blows at German lines northeast of Warsaw but German resistance in this sector had stiffened as fresh Nazi reinforcements were thrown into the salient with orders from Adolf Hitler to hold at any price.

The Germans hurled their biggest tanks and tiring reserves into the battle in a desperate effort to avoid encirclement in East Prussia and complete isolation from Germany proper as the Red Army's wedge deepened into their flank. The Russian smash was made 70 miles south of the East Prussian border and swung north through the valley of the Liwice River. At least 150 villages fell in the first phase of the drive which may envelop Nazi East Prussian armies just as their Baltic forces are being pushed back into the sea.

Masses of Soviet tanks and infantry were reported locked in battle all along the East Prussian border and the German News Agency admitted the Nazis had been beaten back from their main lines of resistance in the Augustov sector at the southeast border of the Reich state.

In the Baltic sector, the southern flank of the Baltic First Army advanced another 10 miles in its push toward Riga, while in Lithuania, masses of Soviet armor battled 15 miles cross-country from the important Shavli-Tilsit highway.

Major tank battles were reported developing northwest of Mariampole, 30 miles southeast of Kaunas and two miles east of the Prussian frontier, as the trapped German 16th and 18th armies tried unsuccessfully to break through a narrow sector to join forces with Nazi forces in East Prussia.

South of Warsaw, the Russians continued to improve their bridgehead across the Vistula while Marshal Ivan Konev's forces moved into the Carpathian foothills from the oil center of Drohobycz, whose capture further reduced Germany's diminishing oil reserves.

The region, one of the richest oil centers in Ukraine, was invaluable to the Wehrmacht. Great supplies were drawn off to keep the Nazi machine rolling when Allied bombings cut deeply into the Rumanian centers.

Churchill Visits Italy After Normandy Trip

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 11 (Bulletin)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill has arrived in Italy, it was announced here tonight in a special communique. No indication was given as to where Mr. Churchill might go or whom he might see while in the Mediterranean Theater. The visit of the British Prime Minister follows closely his third trip to Normandy to receive first-hand information on the progress of the Allied offensive and comes about two weeks after the visit to Italy of King George VI of England.

Vatican Is Silent On Russian Move

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 11—Nothing is known here about the report that the Soviet Government has proposed "co-ordinated action between Moscow and the Vatican in the postwar solution of moral social problems," the Vatican Press Service reported today.

According to the report, relayed by Reuters from London yesterday, the Russian Government has sent a memorandum to the Vatican proposing such action in which Marshal Joseph Stalin was said to have suggested to Pope Pius XII that they exchange views to facilitate action at the peace conference.

The London Daily News Chronicle interpreted a Reuters report that Monsignor Cortesi, Papal Nuncio to the Polish government, would proceed to Warsaw as soon as the Polish capital is liberated, as indicating that the Vatican had reconciled itself to the fact that Poland, predominantly a Catholic country, would be on close terms of friendship with Russia in the postwar world.

Osservatore Romano published a report on Pope Pius XII's speech of July 28 to a representative of Polish forces in Italy in which the Pope said it was hoped all nations will acknowledge their debt to that nation.

The Osservatore Romano commented: "The words of the Holy Father are an appeal, reaffirmed, indestructible, direct, providential guiding rule for all who will have to take a decision and for those who are awaiting. And Poland Christianity awaits."

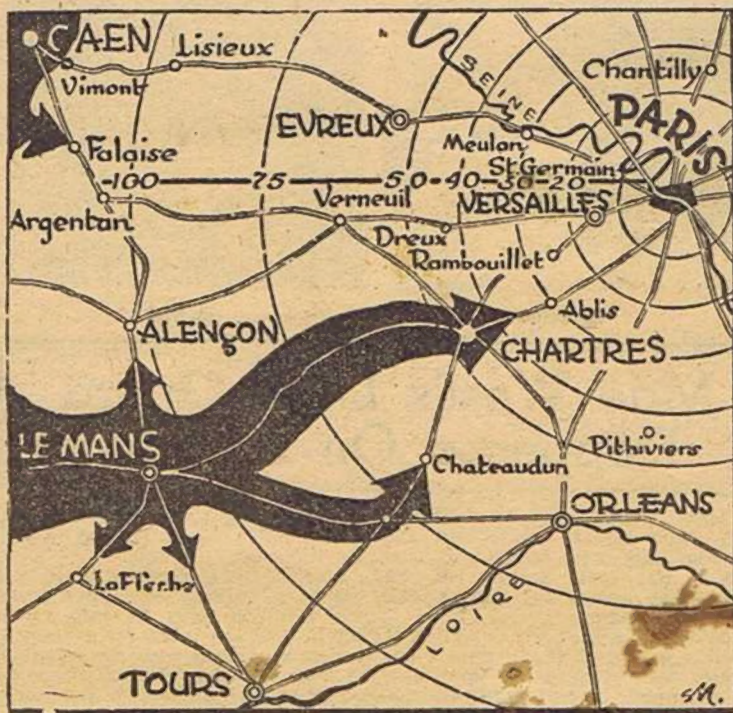
Yanks Liberate Chartres; Race Ahead Toward Capital

LONDON, Aug. 11—American armored spearheads, racing east at a 40-mile-a-day clip, were reported today to have liberated the cathedral city of Chartres, only 54 miles from Paris and the last great communications center southwest of the French capital.

BBC said Lt. Gen. Omar K. Bradley's forces in this sector, tearing on from Le Mans, were keeping radio silence about their swift and powerful sweeps, and reports on their whereabouts were coming in only after long advances.

The Americans' incredibly swift drive, rivaling the Russians' pace, brought them about 75 miles northeast of Le Mans, which they liberated only two days ago.

At the same time another Yank column was battering at Chateaudun, 27 miles south of Chartres and 53 airline miles due east of Le Mans. Chateaudun is the key to a great road network which by-passes Paris from the southeast.



Home Front Excitement High On French Drive

By Sgt. JACK FOISIE
Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 — Excitement is mounting here on the home front over the American drive toward Paris and the graphic sweep of Yankee armor in Brittany.

A typical comment is "at last our communique's are reading like the Russians," indicating a long-suppressed desire of home fronters to register a victory on the Red Army scale.

Military commentators point out that for virtually the first time in this war American forces have an opportunity to use armor on a large scale "and apparently are doing so to good advantage." They add that the Allies had an opportunity to employ large numbers of tanks in Tunisia but didn't have them. Otherwise American fighting in the Mediterranean and the Pacific has always been on a comparatively narrow sector.

While the Russians used five armies in the drive on Minsk at

the start of the Soviet offensive which has taken them all the way to the Baltic and Prussia, up until the break out of Normandy Americans have never had the opportunity to use more than a single army in any one operation, and the Allies have not had more than three armies in action on any one front between the fall of France until the return to France.

The British used but a single reinforced army—the famous 8th—for most of their desert action. The Allies had two armies in Tunisia strung out thinly holding a thousand-mile line. Two armies were used in Sicily and two in Italy where "the spinal cord" of the Apennine Mountains proved a good dividing line for the armies' respective operational areas.

Military men pointed out that an army is a flexible unit and can contain two or more corps which in turn can each contain two or more divisions.

Home fronters inspired by the ever-changing headlines which record the progress mile by mile in the "Battle of Paris" are now crowding that "we are outblitzing the blitzkrieg boys." This is easy to say over here, although battlefield reports are certainly favorable.

Results thus far since Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley launched his offensive on July 25 are being called by military observers "the greatest American gains of this war." Gains are these:

1. The armored sweeps that shot across the 100-mile base of Brittany to the Bay of Biscay in four days and the 138-mile thrust west-

A Reuters dispatch said General Bradley's hard-hitting tanks could strike three ways from Chateaudun: (1) due east, by-passing Paris from the south; (2) northeast toward Paris; (3) southeast toward Orleans and the upper Loire.

Meanwhile, other American forces completed the occupation of the big Loire River port of Nantes, 23 miles inland from the Atlantic, and the city of Angers, 56 miles northeast of Nantes. Occupation of these two key cities, completed only after extensive minefields had been cleared, established a strong 50-mile-long right flank along the northern bank of the Loire.

In the northern sector around Caen, the combined British-Canadian drive to pry apart the hinge of the German 7th Army continued to make progress in especially bitter fighting.

British and Canadian troops fought their way to Vimont, on the Caen-Paris road and about 110 miles from Paris. Vimont lies on the most direct main highway from the Normandy battlefield to Paris, and controls a series of other roads covering alternative routes to Paris as well as the Paris-Caen railway.

Beating off the strongest counter-attacks the Germans could throw against them, Canadian armor and infantry broke through two defense lines guarding Falaise, 21 miles south of Caen.

On the Canadians' west flank, British armored forces enlarged their Orne River bridgehead, with tank columns striking south and southeast from two to three miles.

The Germans were reported to

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Lull Covers Most Of Italian Front

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 11—Light patrol action and sporadic artillery fire featured activity on the 8th and 5th Army fronts yesterday as the third week of Allied and German jockeying for strategically superior positions on either side of the Arno River neared its close.

Intermittent thunder showers along the front restricted patrol activity but the Kraut forces, still without an indication as to where the next Allied blow might be struck, were sharply responsive to the slightest Allied move.

Eighth Army troops continued to consolidate the gains they had made through the capture of important hill features in the Arno River bend to the east of Florence which had forced the Nazis to withdraw all their forces in the area, save patrols, back across the river.

Polish and Italian troops in the Adriatic sector pushed ahead slowly against stiff opposition and gained two miles on a six-mile front in the high ground overlooking the Cesano Valley from Ripe to the coast. Only minor pockets of enemy forces were reported in the area south of the Cesano River.

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B-29s Pummel Nagasaki, Jap Shipbuilding Center

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 11—Super Forts ranged widely over vital Japanese targets, blasting the important shipbuilding city of Nagasaki on the homeland island of Kyushu for the third time, and hitting Palembang on the Jap-occupied island of Sumatra in their first attack upon the Netherlands East Indies, it was announced today.

Other American heavy bombers struck Davao on Mindanao Island in the Philippines, the third successive night they have smacked it. The three-night bombing attacks against Davao were the first Allied air raids upon the Philippines since fighting ceased there over two years ago. Air strips were the main targets.

Pilots coming back from the raid upon Nagasaki said they observed huge fires in the shipyards as they

left. That city, 11th in size in Japan, was visited by the Super Forts on June 15 and July 7. The B-29s, making their first trip to Palembang, started towering flames in the tank and refinery area.

The attacks on Nagasaki and Palembang came from secret bases in China and Burma. The Philippine raiders may have come from there, too.

Another 60 tons of bombs were dropped upon Truk in the central Carolines, and Liberators and Catalinas hit Maloelap atoll in the Marshalls.

American submarines, it was reported by the Navy Department from Washington today, have destroyed another 16 Jap vessels, including one warship, bringing to 839 the total number of Jap ships of all kinds sunk or damaged by subs alone since the start of hostilities.

Little Over-Optimism In USSR, Says Cassidy

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 — Henry Cassidy, Chief of the Associated Press bureau in Moscow, who has just returned from four years service in the Soviet capital said today that Russian authorities think Germany will not be crushed on the battlefield until next summer unless something unexpected occurs. Cassidy said there is little over-optimism in the USSR about the early end of the war.

Army, Navy Chiefs Discuss Proposed Vote Law Revision

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11—The issue of how much politics should reach American fighters overseas—given new importance by the War Department's ban on distribution of the motion pictures "Wilson" and "Heavenly Day"—was scheduled to be discussed today in a conference of Senators and Army and Navy officials.

The subject of the discussion was the proposed amendment to the Soldier Vote Act to assure military personnel overseas access to the same media for political information which would be available to them at home.

The amendment, proposed by Sen. Theodore F. Green (D., R. I.), would provide among other things that all films of general circulation in the United States could also be circulated to the troops overseas at government expense "so long as there was not a special list excluding certain films."

The Soldier Voting Act prohibits the distribution by the armed forces of books, magazines or other material containing matters calculated to influence results of the national elections. The War Department banned "Wilson" and "Heavenly Days" on the ground that their distribution might be construed as a violation of this act.

While some who have viewed "Wilson" said its treatment of the late President is objective, others termed it "a great picture for the Democrats." One reviewer said dramatic liberties had resulted in patterning it after President Roosevelt. "Heavenly Days" is concerned with the troubles of stars in wartime Washington.

Sen. Green, commenting on his proposed amendment, said the armed services were interpreting the vote bill as banning the distribution of political news to the fighting front.

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), who was active in drafting that part of the vote bill which deals with distribution of material to the fighting forces, told reporters he was not familiar with the films, but that if they contained political propaganda their use overseas would not be permitted.

500 Kraut POWs Stage A Sitdown

STOCKTON, Calif., Aug. 11—Nearly 2,000 German prisoners of war, most of them former members of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's elite Africa Korps, were confined to their barracks at the Stockton Army Ordnance Depot today, after some 500 of them had started a sitdown strike protesting a nine-hour work-day.

Under the Geneva Convention prisoners may be worked up to 12 hours a day at tasks not directed against their own country. On Monday, the prisoners—in fact, all Army personnel at the Stockton Depot—were ordered to work nine hours daily instead of eight under the recent Army plan to speed up production.

The prisoners have been receiving 88 cents a day as volunteers working on non-essential jobs at the Stockton, Lathrop and Tracy Depots. The Public Relations office at the depot announced the war prisoners would either go back to work or face the prospect of a bread-and-water diet, also permitted under the Geneva Convention.

They have already been deprived of baseball equipment, music and canteen facilities since the start of the strike early Wednesday.

Harrisburg Free Ride Program Is Ruled Out

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 11—Free fares on Pittsburgh's street cars and buses for members of the armed forces were ruled out yesterday by the State Public Utility Commission which said it was "in full accord with the objective of extending every possible consideration to members of the armed forces" but explained that free rides for any persons other than officers and employees of the transportation company and clergymen were strictly forbidden by the state constitution.

Prettiest Kids Of Soldier Dads Selected In Hospital Contest

One of the things a soldier always likes to do is show his buddies the picture of his baby, wife or sweetheart. That gave Mary Hotchkiss, Lyons, N. Y., and Margaret Powers, Paris, Mo., two Red Cross workers at the 12th General Hospital, an idea. They conducted a contest for the prettiest baby among the patients with the proud poppas submitting the photos of their offsprings.

First prize went to Ronnie, 11-month-old son of Pvt. Marvin J. Findler, Chicago. Pvt. Findler has never seen his baby. The judges selected the photo belonging to Pvt. Elmer Bryant, San Jose, Calif., of his son David, 20 months old, for the runner-up position. The third prize went to Charles Earl, ten-month-old son of T-Sgt. Earl Griffith, Denver, Col.

The judges were Col. John H. Sturgeon, Chicago, nurse Elizabeth Sandford, Flint, Mich., and three patients: Pvt. Marvin Nuessle, Chicago; Pvt. Cecil Watt, Weir, Kan., and Pfc. Nicholas Kravitch, Pa.

The girls didn't even show in this contest but the overwhelming number of male judges claimed complete impartiality in selecting winners. After all, this is a man's army.



Ronnie



Charles



David

Mae West's Little Opera Flopperoo On Broadway

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—"Catherine the Great" isn't, and the buxom lady after whom the "Mae West" was aptly named has hit Broadway again, but with a dull thud this time.

Mae, Brooklyn-born daughter of a lightweight fighter and an actress, had whetted the curiosity of the public by a ten-year absence from both the stage and screen, whither she had first drawn full houses of people who like not-so-subtle innuendo in their love scenes.

But Mae's comeback, with its pretentious staging, prologue and 12 lush scenes, tottered uncertainly between costume drama and just plain burlesque. Opening with a blare of trumpets, the play begins with Mae gliding up to one of her handsome guards with, "You're new here, aren't you? Well, I need strong men around me." Catherine reviews her men quite often like this, in and out of the royal bedroom. But critics say, there's not

enough of the good-natured gaiety which made Mae's "c'mup 'n see me some time" famous.

Mae, a little plumper than she was ten years ago, wears high heels and built-up soles to gain regal height and she takes on a refined accent garnished with the familiar overtones which bring out the worst in her audience's imagination. The music is canned.

Mae had a distinguished first night audience, but they generally agreed that Mae will make more money by suing the guy who named the life-belt after her.

N. Y. Attorney Named State GOP Chairman

ALBANY, Aug. 11—State Republican Chairman Edwin F. Jaekle announced today the appointment of Arthur H. Schwartz, 40-year-old New York City attorney, as campaign manager for the Republican party in New York State.

Schwartz will take over duties formerly held by Herbert Brownell, Jr., who now is handling the party's national campaign. Since February, Schwartz has served as counsel to the state joint legislative committee studying legislative practices with a view to proposing improvements. He said he had not decided where he will establish state campaign headquarters.

Jackie Cooper And Pal Surrender, Under Bond

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 11—Sheriff Steve Molnar said here today that Jackie Cooper, 21-year-old motion picture actor charged in St. Joseph County juvenile court with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, surrendered himself to the sheriff and was free under bond.

Custody of Cooper and of George Bender of Sheffield, Ill., similarly charged, was given civil authorities by the commander of the Navy unit at the University of Notre Dame where the defendants are stationed as V-12 students.

Prosecutor Arthur F. Scheer said charges were filed after an "all night" party in a local hotel room on July 21. Scheer said two teenage South Bend girls were involved.

Place Your Bets

ST. LOUIS — James J. Carrom, betting commissioner, shortened his odds today on the re-election of Roosevelt from one to three to two to five. He also cut odds against Dewey from two and one-half to one to a new price of nine to five.

Dear Joe: You Make 3,600 Bucks A Year

OMAHA, Aug. 11—A consolation prize for GI Joe has just been handed out by Seventh Service Command headquarters.

According to its figures, Joe has a higher earned income than a single man back home who makes 3,600 dollars a year. Joe gets 600 dollars a year but he has 420 dollars left after his essential expenses are paid—it says there. That's more, the authorities contend, than a bachelor back home has after he's paid taxes, living expenses and bought the incidentals that Joe gets for free.

That's if Joe is unmarried. GI husbands don't compare quite so favorably. And at last reports, any GI Joe would trade 1,876,420 dollars for one evening at home.

Unemployment Pay Senate Deal Out

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11—Compromise appeared out of the question today in the vigorous Senate fight over two opposing bills which attempt to set up standards for postwar unemployment pay.

The Murray-Kilgore Bill sets up an Office of War Mobilization and Adjustment to coordinate the functions of all agencies dealing with conversion. It envisions jobless pay, six months' education for workers at government expense and transportation of workers to new jobs.

The George Bill leaves unemployment compensation rates to the states and sets up a Washington office without reviewing power over other agencies.

Criticizing the Murray-Kilgore bill, Sen. Robert Taft (Rep., Ohio), said it gives postwar benefits to war workers on a par with those given service personnel. "I cannot see the parallel between soldiers and sailors serving at 50 dollars a month and others receiving high wages in war industry," he said. Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (Rep., Minn.) called the proposal "the latest step in the program to centralize federal power at the expense of state autonomy."

Sen. James E. Murray (D. Mont.), attacked the Republican-supported "states rights" proposal, calling its philosophy "reactionary." Optimism over an early vote on the bills declined as more and more senators signified their intention to speak on the proposals.

A Year Of 'The Voice' Nets Million And Half

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—Frank Sinatra's financial experts totaled up a report of Frankie's fiscal expectations and came up with the announcement "The Voice" will earn during the calendar year a million and a half dollars. Most of it, however, will be turned back to the government in the form of income taxes.

Five years ago the "bobby socks delight" earned 25 a week at Rustic Cabin, New Jersey night club. Two years ago he earned 10,000 and thought he was the luckiest guy in the world.

Bette's Headache

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 11—Screen star Bette Davis was home today suffering from a headache that aspirin wouldn't help, said the United Press. It seems that Bette was conked on her red wig—she's wearing one in the filming of "The Corn Is Green"—by an arc that dropped on her head while on the set yesterday.

Moths Lose A Decision When Judge Gets Vest

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 11—Federal Judge Charles G. Birggle visited his tailor today, ordered a new double-breasted suit cut to his measure and produced the cloth for it, but the Judge's tailor while consenting to make the coat and pants balked when the Judge insisted he had to have a vest also.

Didn't the War Production Board ban vests with double-breasted suits? insisted the tailor. But the Judge explained the vest was worn under his judicial robes when he sat on the bench. His tailor affirmed he couldn't take the chance. Judge Birggle said the whole business was "silly." Whereupon he wrote the WPB if he didn't get the vest the extra vest yardage "would go into a dresser drawer for the moths." He ended with: "Please, may I have a vest?"

Back came a letter from the WPB—would the Judge explain his need for a vest?

The Judge replied that such cross-examination was irrelevant and that a decision should be made on a "common sense" basis, adding "who would use the cloth, he or the moths?"

Several letters went back and forth. Finally the moths lost out.

Political Writers See FDR Victory In November Vote

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11—The majority of 50 prominent Washington political writers polled by Newsweek Magazine expect President Roosevelt to win the November election, but Republican nominee Gov. Thomas E. Dewey was given a 23 to 21 edge as the man whose election they thought would be "in the best interest of the country." Six were undecided on that question.

Results of the poll showed that Roosevelt was named by 33 correspondents and Dewey by 17 as the candidate they expect to win. The average forecast gave the President 296 electoral votes and Dewey 229.

Those who expected Roosevelt to win based their prediction on his management of the war and international affairs, his experience and the likelihood he will be supported by special groups such as soldiers, Negroes, women and labor.

Those who forecast a Dewey victory based their prediction on the desire for change, "irritation with the President's handling of domestic affairs," the possibility that the European war will end before the election and "Democratic disunity and weakness with special groups."

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—Robert Hannegan, national chairman of the Democratic party, predicted today that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey would be defeated as decisively in the November elections as Hoover was in 1932 when the Republicans carried only six states.

Hannegan also asserted that possible developments in the European war—including the collapse of Germany—would not affect the outcome of the Presidential contest.

Osmena Regroups Filipino Cabinet

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11—President Sergio Osmena of the Philippines, who assumed office after the death of President Manuel Quezon, announced reorganization of the Philippine Commonwealth war cabinet today.

At the same time he appointed Colonel Carlos P. Romulo, newspaper editor and publicist, as Philippine resident commissioner to United States, succeeding Joaquin M. Elizalde, resigned. Romulo is secretary of information and public relations in the new cabinet.

The only new member of the cabinet is Ismael Mathay, appointed to the newly-created post of budget and finance commissioner. Two men were dropped from the old cabinet, Elizalde and Andreas Soriano, who was succeeded as secretary of finance by Jaime Hernandez. The latter was auditor general in the old cabinet, a post which now is abolished.

Osmena told members of the new cabinet he was confident the U. S. would do everything it could to assure liberation and rehabilitation of the islands. He added he was "wholeheartedly in accord with plans being made for establishment of United States military bases in the Philippines after the war."

Navy Reveals Heroism Of Bari Armed Guard

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11—Disregarding wounds, 28 members of a naval armed guard crew stuck to their guns until orders were given to abandon ship during the vicious bombing attack in Bari harbor, Italy, last December, the Navy revealed today. Then, with the abandon-ship order given, the men went through fire and explosions to help save other men aboard their merchant ship, SS John Bascom, it was reported.

Every member of the gun crew was wounded and all stayed in action until their last gun was destroyed, said the Navy. The battle was fought on Dec. 2, 1943, when German planes hurled tons of bombs upon Allied shipping in the harbor. All the men were decorated for their service in the fight.

I was There That night.

President Leaves Hawaii Predicting New Pacific Gains

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 11 — President Roosevelt has left Hawaii, it was announced today, following a three-day conference with U. S. naval and military leaders during which a new offensive against the Japs was planned.

The President told correspondents before his departure that the U. S. is going back to the Philippines and that General Douglas MacArthur will be part of the operation.

"You can't say," he told newsmen with a grin, "whether the general is going back directly or by way of North Africa, but he is going back and we're going to give the islands their independence."

The President, who was closeted with his Pacific war chiefs from July 26-29, said he would report to the nation on his trip but gave no indication of the date. It was the first war journey of 1944 for the nation's commander-in-chief and his first across-the-table conference here with General MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

BRISTLING AREA

Mr. Roosevelt said he was impressed by the conversion of Hawaii from the devastation of Dec. 7, 1941, to an area bristling with land, sea and air power. That conversion, he observed, was the most amazing thing he had ever seen. He said that Hawaii, through war developments, had ceased to be a U. S. outpost and had become one of our rear areas.

The President arrived on a U. S. cruiser, leaving San Diego shortly after accepting his fourth term nomination on July 20. During his stay he visited every military operation, from the deadly advanced jungle training course to the hospitals where wounded men were being received from Saipan and the Marshalls.

He was at Hickam Field when a huge transport plane arrived with 32 wounded from Saipan. The President reached out of his open car and shook hands with two of the men on litters. He reviewed the 7th Division, veterans of Attu, Kiska and Kwajalein, and made seven brief talks in two days.

He saw Japanese war prisoners for the first time in a heavily guarded camp. None of the Japs, milling around aimlessly behind the barbed wire fences, seemed to recognize Mr. Roosevelt or to take any interest in the procession.

RUMOR HIVE

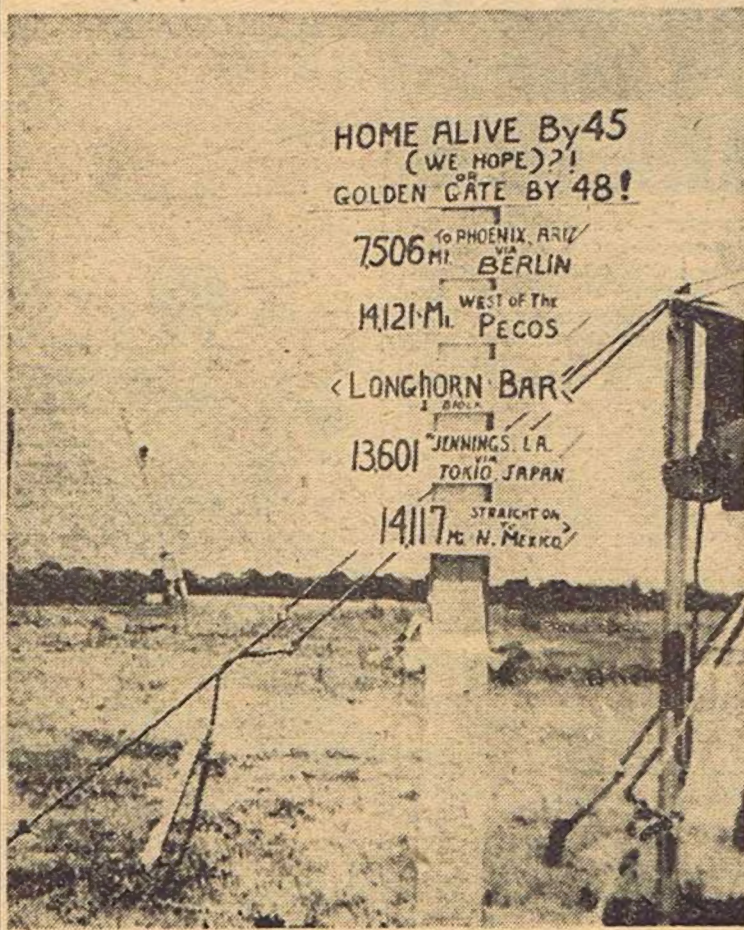
At first Honolulu was alive with rumors—all of them wrong—that the Navy compound where the President stayed would be the site of another meeting with Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Premier Joseph Stalin. Actually, the visit was an all-American huddle. It was Mr. Roosevelt's first trip to Hawaii in ten years.

Fala, the President's Scottie, came 2,000 miles aboard the Presidential cruiser, but he got only a glimpse of Hawaii from the deck of the ship. Quarantine laws confining dogs were not relaxed even for Fala, and Mr. Roosevelt asked no favors for his five-year-old pet.

Jewel Quiz

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 11 — Five persons including Hollywood film star Bruce Cabot were questioned by Mexico City police today in connection with the disappearance of a 50,000 dollar emerald brooch belonging to Mrs. Valentina Asterman Garcia de Olay, wife of the Spanish ambassador to Cuba.

LONG WAY FROM HOME



This signpost, erected on one of the shuttle bomber bases in Russia, gives the home folks an idea of what the men of the U. S. Air Forces stationed at the base are thinking. (Acme)

Hometown Fills Empty Wallet Of Anzio Hero

SPRING MOUNT, Pa., Aug. 11 — The "one man army of Anzio," Pfc. Alton Knappenberger, winner of a Congressional Medal for wiping out 60 Germans on the Italian front, was home today enjoying a 21-day vacation with more money than he had before a Naples pickpocket relieved him of his wallet on the eve of his departure.

The 20-year-old farm boy, just 5 ft., 4 in. and weighing only 120 pounds, hardly had reached home, when the town fire company organized an impromptu parade and Knappenberger was taken on a triumphant tour of the surrounding countryside.

It was during this reception that he told of his experience with the pickpocket which had cost him 150 dollars. Patriotic citizens were quick to remedy that situation.

Knappenberger says he doesn't care to be a hero. "I don't like to fight," he said. "I guess the worst darned ordeal was when I got this medal. It's nice, but I had to stand there while General

Clark presented it, and, well, I guess I'd almost rather fight."

The Congressional Medal was given to him for holding off two German companies when they counterattacked at Anzio. The young soldier covered his comrades' retreat until he ran out of ammunition. Then he took more ammunition from the body of a fallen American and began firing again.

Gonorrhea Cured In Less Than Day

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 — Treatment of gonorrhea can be completed in only seven and one-half hours with the use of penicillin, the United States Public Health Service disclosed today.

Reporting new methods developed to treat service men, the agency said they "may make possible wider application of penicillin treatment to the program of gonorrhea control where time and circumstances do not permit the use of the standard 12 to 21-hour treatment schedules."

The procedure adopted requires no hospital care for patients and can be used conveniently by physicians in private practice or by clinical service.

One schedule of five treatments can be completed in seven and one-half hours while another requires additional treatment. A report in the American Medical Journal said that of 136 men treated, 117 were cured by the new system. Approximately two-thirds of the group previously had been treated unsuccessfully with sulfa drugs, and some had been infected for months.

Even Generals Like Shimmy Russian Style

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 — The quick thinking of a Russian general prevented an unfortunate misunderstanding between American soldiers and some Russian entertainers at a shuttlebomber base behind the Russian lines recently, it was related here today. The general also saved a Russian dancer some badly hurt feelings.

Maj. Gen. John R. Deane, chief of the American military mission in Moscow, described the incident while disclosing that shuttlebomber bases in Soviet territory have been placed on regular schedule of Russian entertainers touring the front for the Red Army.

"At one of the entertainments," said General Deane, "they had a shimmy dancer and she wiggled pretty well. Our boys started whistling, shouting and stamping their feet. Unfortunately, whistling and stamping your feet are Russian signs of violent disapproval."

"But a Russian general sensed the situation immediately and jumped on the stage and made a little speech explaining the Russian idea to the Americans and vice versa. It made everything all right."

Jap Girl Defense Rests Trial Case

DENVER, Aug. 11 — The defense rested its case today in the treason trial of three Japanese-American sisters after a witness had testified that German war prisoners at the internment camp near Trinidad, Col., were permitted to roam around the area with little supervision and associated with Americans in the farm region.

The three defendants are Mrs. Tsuruko Wallace, Mrs. Billie Shitara Tanigoshi and Mrs. Florence Shive, accused of aiding two Nazi captives escape from the camp. The chief defense witness was a fourth sister, Mary Shitara, who told the court that German prisoners worked on farms near Trinidad and associated with scores of Americans, including her sisters who also worked in the fields nearby.

Other witnesses testified as to the loyal character of the defendants and one said that Mrs. Wallace had written a letter about her husband, now in the Army, saying that she hoped "those damned Japs don't get him."

In testimony by the government, Lt. Col. William S. Hannan of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., former commanding officer at Trinidad, described a 165-foot tunnel by which at least five Germans were said to have obtained freedom from the camp. He said the tunnel had electric wiring. It was not discovered until after the escape of the two Nazis implicated in the trial, who were said to have used the tunnel to break free.

Affection Cooled

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 11 — After 45 years of married life, 80-year-old Vito Dacquist's affection cooled, Mrs. Maria Dacquist complained today in a separate maintenance suit. The 70-year-old wife also said her husband refused her kisses and two years ago he ran away. The couple were married in Palermo, Sicily.

Nelson Challenges Forces To Check Munitions On Hand

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 — War Production Chairman Donald M. Nelson pulled from a pigeon-hole a controversial report on Army ordnance today and confronted Army and Navy chiefs with an unprecedented request that they take a look at munitions stockpiles and decide whether production should not be cut in some items.

Associated Press said Nelson made the challenge, which is part of his campaign to justify returning some plants to civilian production, by sending the controversial report to the joint chiefs of staff — Admiral William D. Leahy, General George Marshall, Admiral Ernest King and General Henry H. Arnold.

Nelson issued a statement saying he sent the report "so they can determine whether the adequacy of certain Army stocks is such that modification of some procurement programs may be advisable."

The report was prepared by two WPB statisticians, Associated Press said, and had been withheld by their superior, Stacy May, director of the WPB's Bureau of Planning and Statistics, after the Army had protested vigorously its conclusions might obscure critical needs for certain weapons. The statisticians, V. Lewis Bassie and Irving Kaplan, promptly offered their resignations, but these have not been accepted and there were no signs they would be.

Meantime, the Senate War Investigating Committee showed an interest in the report. Sen. Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.), said he thought the committee ought to see it and asked the committee lawyers to look into it.

Associated Press said the report indicated there are abundant supplies of nearly all ordnance items for the Army ground forces, though serious shortages in components of heavy trucks.

Senate Group Will Probe Rest Hotels

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 — Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, (D., W. Va.), declared yesterday that the Senate War Investigation Committee will look into Army "mismanagement" in using resort hotels as rest centers for returning veterans.

"We have been told the Army is trying to get large hotels in resort areas while at the same time trying to dispose of some luxury hotels which already have been converted," Sen. Kilgore was quoted as saying. "We'll have to be shown it is cheaper to use other properties than the ones they are already holding."

He said numerous complaints have been received about the War Department's "unbalanced policy" in converting hotels into rest centers. He cited the case of the Breakers Hotel at Palm Beach, Fla., a subject of considerable controversy last spring as to whether the Army should continue to use it as a hospital.

Meanwhile, an announcement declared that the Lake Placid Club, a swank resort in the Adirondacks of New York State, will be taken over as a rest center for combat-weary soldiers. The club, offering accommodations for at least 1,200 soldiers, has 35 buildings, three 18-hole golf courses, and facilities for summer and winter sports.

MALE CALL



By MILT CANIFF

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Johnny Carries On Dad's Fight For French Liberty

By a Staff Correspondent

IN ITALY—Things have happened to Pvt. Johnny Fuentes—too many things for a 15-year-old U. S. Army soldier. With two different divisions and in three campaigns he has followed the front-line fortunes of his American friends. He wears the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Good Conduct Medal, the campaign ribbon with three bronze stars and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Once, when he had killed two German soldiers, his buddies, who each payday passed the hat to get his pay, threw in a few extra coins and raised his salary from 25 dollars to 30. Maybe that makes Johnny the youngest professional soldier in the U. S. Army.

His father, a former Parisian artist, had been killed in the Tunisian campaign while fighting with the Free French Forces. Johnny's mother had died many years ago and there was nothing left for him to do but find other family ties. He found those ties in the U. S. Army and at present his closest living relative is his first sergeant, he says.

The 9th Division had come to Casablanca and in December of '42, Johnny, through the intervention of the division chaplain, joined the "Fighting Ninth." With that outfit he went to the Tunisian front originally as a mascot, then as a volunteer "ammunition lugger for mortars." In between straining his 97 pounds of muscle with ammunition loads, he "played around" with a carbine. In the process of his play he captured three Jerries around Mateur and killed two others at Bizerte.

"Nothing much happened in Sicily where I went with another division," says Johnny. "I lugged more ammunition for mortars and looked for more Germans. But I guess they must have heard of me because they kept out of my way. From Sicily I went to Anzio. There I got it again. Some shrapnel hit me in the leg—for which he received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart. Then they sent me to a lot of different hospi-

tals. I guess I'm a pretty good soldier."

This past week, Pvt. Fuentes was discharged from a hospital and sent back to a replacement depot from where he hopes to catch up to his company. Sitting in a truck together with other replacements, he said:

"You know, I speak six languages—French, Italian, Spanish, English, Arabic and Portuguese. Everything will be all right if my papers only catch up with me. They have been following me around



... Speaks six languages ...

from one hospital to another. I am worried, because I heard stories about guys who didn't get their papers back until after the war."

The truck started up. Johnny clutched his musette bag against his small body and slung his helmet over the shoulder. Above the roar of the vehicle as it began its journey to a replacement depot, Johnny shouted: "I hope I can get some more Germans." His eyes glistened and his lips were set in a thin line as though he meant what he had said.

WHEN IN ROME

Today

STAGE

"Spotlight," review featuring ENSA and local entertainers. From jazz to opera. Today through Sunday inclusive at 1830 hours; Argentina Theater, Largo Argentina. No tickets required. Beginning today, 1000 to 1400 hours, "Just The Job," musical. Sala Umberto Theater, Via Delle Mercedes, 50, near Piazza Colonna. All seats 35 lire.

SCREEN

ARC Movie House: Barberini, Piazza Barberini, 1500, 1700, 1900 hours, "Hay Rookie," — Bob Haynes, Ann Miller. Officer's show 2030, Sunday. Admission free.

ENSA Supercinema, Via Nazionale and Via Agostino Depretis. Noel Coward's "This Happy Breed." Continuous from 1200 hours. Last showing 2000 hours. Starting noon Sunday, "Buffalo Bill," with Joel McCrea. Admission free.

VARIETY

"Welcome," featuring Chiaretta Gelli, Italian film star, with supporting cast. 1630 hours. All seats 25 lire. Arena Esedra, behind NAAFI-EFI Canteen.

CONCERT

Orchestra, chorus, the Corps de Ballet of the Royal Opera House — featuring famous artists, Sun., 1800 hours. Tickets at Royal Opera box office, Sat. and Sun., 10-12, 2-4. Seats 25 to 200 lire.

OPERA

Royal Opera House, Via Viminale. Grand Opera Season. Today, 1730 "Aida." Tickets from 25 to 300 lire, obtainable at box office, open daily 630 to 1600 hours.

SYMPHONY

Santa Cecilia Symphony Orch., 80-pieces; concert, Sunday, 1800 hours. Theatre Adriano, Corso Cavour. Box office open 1000-1800. Seats 20 to 100 lire.

CLUBS

Visit the ARC EM Club, Casino della Rose. Conducted tours at 6000 hours and 1400 hours plus daily activities. TPM—"Nervous in the Service" mad musical extravaganza, produced by 60th T. C. GP.—Sun., Mon., Tues. and Wed.

ARC Officers' Club, Hotel Barberini, Piazza Barberini.

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Catholic Club for Allied forces; Via della Conciliazione. Tours of Vatican and Rome daily.

Jewish Soldiers' Club, 37, Piazza Poli, Via del Tritone.

Polish Club, open 1300 to 2100 hours, 235 Via Panisperna.

RESTAURANTS

GI Restaurants open 1130-1430, 1800-2030 hours:

Ristorante Roma, 38 Piazza Poli.

Ristorante Amedeo, 17-19 Via Fabio Massimo.

Restaurant for American Officers, Nurses and uniformed guests; open 7 Via Parma.

Ristorante San Carlo, 120 Corso Umberto.

Air Forces Rest Camp Restaurant—Largo Theater Vale, 1100 to 1930 hours.

EXHIBITS

Polish Exhibit. Customs, History, Art and Army. Popolo di Roma.



NAPLES—It started out innocently enough. One Allied soldier sat down at a table of a sidewalk cafe. Another Allied soldier, seeing only one occupant at the table also sat down there. They both ordered drinks. The conversation that they tried to create fizzled out because neither spoke a language the other understood. For a while they merely smiled and clicked glasses. Then, from a pocket of one of the soldiers, appeared a small red box. Placing it on the table he lifted the cover, shoved the box toward his ally. "Can you play checkers?" he asked by hand motions. "Yes," replied the other, shaking his head.

The pieces were lined up and then began a simple game of checkers which almost developed into an international incident.

Only a few moves had been made when a heterogeneous circle of soldiers gathered about the table-top arena. It seemed that almost every country in the world—except Germany—was represented. The first sign that this wasn't going to be a lily-flowing-in-a-brook affair occurred when one of the kibitzers nudged a player as the latter was about to move a man. Looking up from the board, the other player grunted and said something in a language which nobody understood.

An End Game ...

After that grunt the contest ran peacefully for the next ten minutes. The player holding the blacks leaned both elbows on the table and fixed his gaze on the game developments. His opponent alternated his gaze from the playing board to the circle of faces.

The contest had reduced itself to an end game which meant that both players had four or five men apiece on the board and tactics called for brilliant strategy.

Now, his puzzled glance swept over the faces of the onlookers. Some soldiers were shaking their heads in a vigorous "no!" Others were groaning. One soldier slapped the face (his own), rocked back and forth and moaned as though he were watching his uninsured mansion go up in flames. The player was further confused. Returning the piece to its original position he munched on the mental problem. Then he lifted the checker again—a deathly silence settling on the impetuous bleachers—and setting it down on a new square he looked up. He rested his finger on the piece which action automatically gave him the right to change his mind.

Immediately, a new wave of comment rose up from the ring of kibitzers. It was apparent that this last move had split the congregation into two factions: One which believed the move was excellent; the other which thought it was disastrous.

Not Even Draw ...

Had the game continued for another five or ten minutes, it seems certain that a genuine international incident would have been germinated. But the game didn't continue. The soldier who told us the story and who said that he had been there, related how someone in the rear had pushed a bit too hard and the inside line of spectators was sent toppling over the checkerboard, table, players and each other. When they had extricated themselves, the ally who had directed the black advance, lay on the ground, his finger still on the black checker.

That was too much for the other player. He gathered his checkers and his miniature board, returned the box to his pocket and walked dejectedly away muttering something in his own language which nobody understood but which probably was something like, "Checkers is the most dangerous pastime of this war."

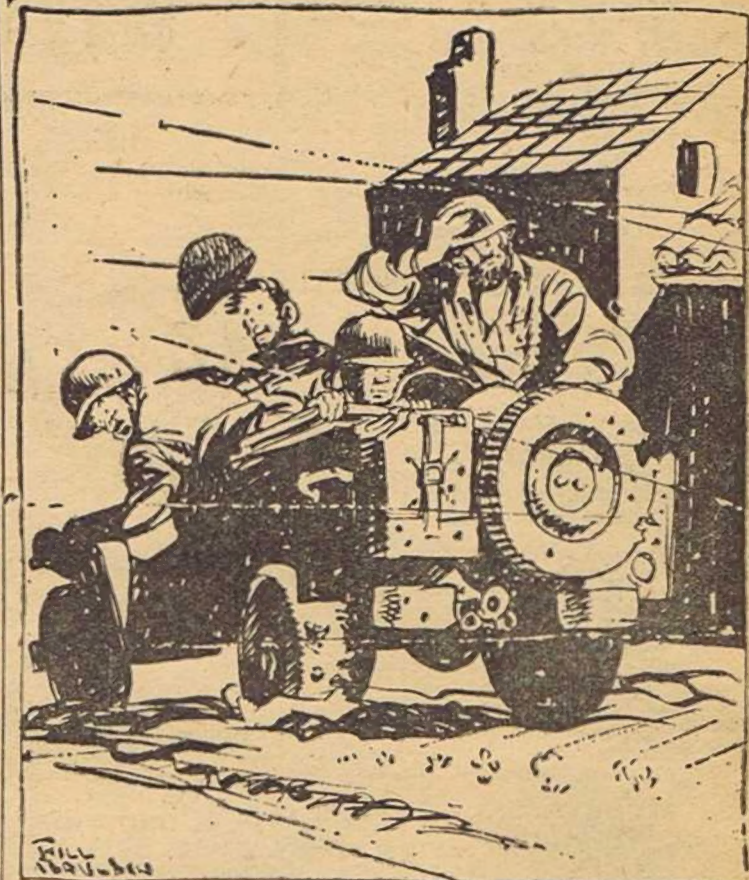
—Sgt. Harry Shershow

Silly Symphony

OKLAHOMA CITY—Music lovers attending the weekly starlight symphony concerts have been disturbed by booming tunes from the nearby carnival's merry-go-round. Culture has triumphed. Hereafter, during the concert, the hurdygurdy will be silent and the horses will rock to the strains of Starvinsky and Rachmaninoff.

UP FRONT ...

By Mauldin



"I hate to run on a flat. It tears hell outta' th' tires."

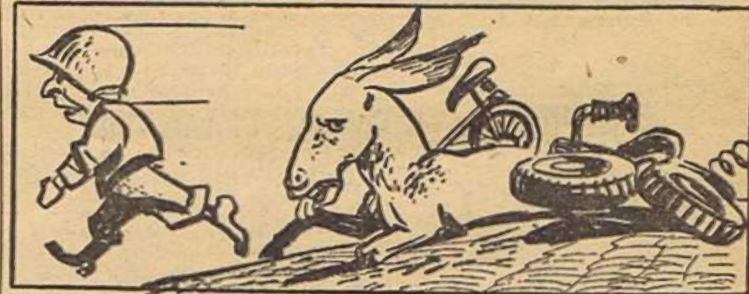
Flashes From The Front

WHEN GENERAL KAZIMIERZ SOSNKOWSKI, commander-in-chief of Polish forces, received 5th Army troops recently, the Polish National Anthem was played in his honor by the 5th Army Band, thanks to the ingenuity of WO Wilmont Trumbull, Worcester, Mass. Fifth Army officials were nonplussed for a while, because no one knew the anthem. Then band leader Trumbull and Wac T-5 Mary Ann Kosierowski got together with the Polish liaison officer, who hummed the tune over the phone. The melody was transcribed by WO Trumbull, orchestrated and all set when the general arrived.

TO MAKE THINGS LOOK LEGAL, the Fighting Cock Squadron keeps a liquor license prominently displayed above its bar. The permit is a 1914-1915 saloon license for Hamilton County, Ohio, which somebody dug out from his collection of military impedimenta. The bar's main contribution to civilization is a tomato-juice looking drink compounded of cherry brandy and a mixture of canned juices.

THE EM HAVE A RED CROSS CLUB in Leghorn already. The club is located in what used to be a gym and was set up by Alex Moffat, Brooklyn, and Evelyn Anderson, Des Moines, Iowa. It's within shelling range of the Germans and shells have already landed fairly close several times, but the hours are still 9 AM to 8:30 PM.

T-SGT. GARFIELD W. WHEELER, Alum Creek, W. Va., was separated from his 34th Division company and used a German motorcycle, a mule and his feet to get back to it. The feet proved best. The clutch of the bike gave out after a few miles. The mule plodded



along willingly for one mile, then threw the sergeant and fled. The feet proved durable. Sgt. Wheeler says he's always found them so—in 28 months of overseas infantry duty.

THE OVERWHELMING THING about these great 12th Air Force bases is dust. Although many of the landing strips are steel matted, every plane taking off or coming in sets up great clouds of cling, red-tinted dust. Sun tans, ODs, tents and planes soon take on the same red hue and guys who think they've picked up swell tans often find that they wash off. It's all sissy stuff to some of the old-timers who followed the 8th Army from Egypt. They scoff at complaints and recall the times they had so much dust in their tea that they ate it instead of drinking it.

A ONE-MAN MORTAR TEAM made the positions of several Nazis in northern Italy confusin' but definitely not amusin'. It was worked by S-Sgt. Kazuo Masuda, Santa Ana, Calif. The Nazis were entrenched on a hill. Sgt. Masuda dashed up the slope, filled an extra helmet with dirt and buried the mortar barrel in it. He squatted beside this "emplacement" and wrapped his stubby legs around the tube. He had no sight or tripod, so he calculated the range in his head. The Nazis poured shell after shell at him, but the one-man mortar team kept at it until they withdrew in confusion.

YOU CAN'T TELL what result the whistle of an incoming shell will have on a soldier's reflexes. Pfc. Herbert Tolle, Indianapolis, Ind., was setting the table for an officers' mess when the shell came at his area. His first impulse was to hit the ground, but instead he up and hurled a big bowl of peaches in the direction of the shell. Tolle is in an artillery battalion of the "Red Bull" Division.

THEY CALLED a certain quarter-mile stretch of road "Book-makers' Boulevard" during the two days it came under intense Nazi fire. Pfc. Al Belsito, Philadelphia, Pa., christened it that. He was one of the drivers who gathered together to make bets on the crossing before taking their trucks across at triple-time. "It was a lot of fun except when it was your turn to make the dash," said Cpl. Robert Knie, Chicago.

When

When you can sleep in mud that bears a stench,
And not dream awful dreams of what's to come,
When you can lift a puffed corpse from his trench,
Nor turn your head or close your eyes like some.

When you can meet the foe in some fierce battle,
And think more of your unit than your hide,
When you can make your eyes refuse to tattle
To give away the fear that's deep inside;

When you can bear the bore of many changes
That seem so uncalled for and so vain;
Or turn away the man who disarranges
The outfit by his wanting to complain;

When you can watch superiors fall beside you,
And leap to take the lead without delay,
And not fall back to seek a place to hide you
That you may live to see another day.

When you can stay in range of any mortar
As other men about you seek to flee,
And grit your teeth and swear "By God, I'll barter
One in return for each you throw at me."

When you can execute a non-com's order,
And save your questions until it's carried through,
When you can take a task that seems much harder,
And make it lighter with tools which have to do.

When you can take the praises of your buddies,
With modest heart when rifle's laid away,
And go back home to start anew your studies,
You'll be a soldier to your dying day.

—A Parachutist

Epitaph

He left a trail of laughter,
Of manliness and fun;
His friends were all who met him
His foes, we knew not one.

—F. W. H.

PUPTENT POETS

Oxen

Behold the stately, plodding kine
Such dignity is near divine—



It has a tail to swish the flies,
A damn site more than you and I'se.

My Dream Girl

I saw your face in my dreams last night,
And woke up screaming, mad with fright.

Who doped me on my furlough,
Sadie
To wed a goddam bearded lady?

Signorina

Having seen the signorina
On the U. S. babe I'm keener.

Ode To A JU-88

O twin engined bombah
You fracture me slombah.

Lines To A B-Picture

O frowsy thing of celluloid
Tho movie starved I'll you avoid.

A Soldier's Letter

To A Certain Correspondent

When writing takes place of talk,
Letters become the key
To loose the bar of the miles that balk
Flow of ideas free.

Do not be surprised what mail can do
When there is only mail,
How rapidly acquaintance grew,
Under favoring sail.

What encouragement your letters brought,

Powdered Egg

The powdered egg
Fell down my leg—
The yolk's on me.

Wo Ist Mein Chemise?

Loudly sing cookoo
For the QM laundry
Of mangles, steam, and irons
They have made a lost and faundry.

Hay, Hay

The hay is in the field
The hay is in the thresher
The hay is in the GI bread
To nourish all our flesher.
Yeshier.

Giddap

In Ay-rab land
The cry was "Eep!"
In Eye-taly it's "Vial!"



But just one plain old loud "Gid-dap!"
Would please both you and mia.
—T-Sgt. R. Wronker

Humor and fancy mixed.
All unconsciously they early caught
Feeling as yet unfixed.

Examples would not be hard to find.
Heloise and Abelard,
And Cyrano (I reply in kind),
Many an unknown bard.

So keep up your correspondence, please;
I will reciprocate.
What comfort we can, now let us seize,
Lest it should be too late.

—Cpl. R. W. Lovett

The Ascent

Going on up the paths of stone
The walk, the talk, the looking on up.
Trudging slow and breathing quick;
And mostly the going on up.

The plod, the trod, the ceaseless step
The muffled swing of the heavy pack
The rutted road with the tripping stump
The sweating limb and the pounding lung.

And the never ending, ever wending,
High and bending, still unending
Going on up.

The big white bulls and their shiftless gait
The low long leap of the frightened hare
Veils of dust and the rocking twig
And the sullen still of forbidden trails.

The citadel's top and the journey's end
Of the looking on down with a smile
At the stony paths and distant earth
And the end of the going on up.

—Pvt. Kerwin Fingerhut

Air Raid

The stars pale out
Before the man-made moon beams
Of the search lights.
The birds of steel
Fly giddily about till they are caught

In the web of the Search lights.
About them gleam
The angry red wasps of the flares
That little men
Send up in hope
To slay them.

They wind in carefully wrought patterns
And finally catch
The tiny wings.
The flashes of steel
Bombs blaze briefly against the sky,
For man can make
Lightning, too.

—S-Sgt. Frank S. Halpin

Awakening

Our lives and souls are cleansed by blood and death
We've seen besmeared in battered towns or battle lands.
Our yearnings groan for inner peace, and freshened breath
Of hope to blow when war is o'er throughout the lands.
Will peace flow gently like a summer wind,
Kissing swollen buds to open their gladdened eyes?
Like remembered drafts of sorrow, make us lowly bend,
And give a hand to fallen man, to arise?
A Call to Peace? A noble thought!
Yet our world chilled by winds of war
That blew perennially from the Time of Naught,
When grubby humans tossed their neighbors o'er
In life's dark current swirling, depthless,
Makes me wonder, even if with chastened hearts returning:
Our liquid feelings soon may run a crust of hardness
And turn our peace into a mockery, a questioning.

—Pfc. R. Tomita

Evening Music

Sweet music in the evening
That has the power to lure away
The clouds of discontentment
That have gathered through the day.
Hypnotic cords of piano
Blended in with violin
That filter through the twilight
Like the holy vesper hymn.
To give courage to the heart
That has trembled in the breast
To dry away the tears and
Leave the soul at tranquil rest.

—Lt. Joseph C. Sanford

I Wonder

I wonder when and where we'll meet;
Today, tomorrow, or next week.
On battlefield or crowded street?

I wonder why and where I'll be
When you come bumping into me;
Up in the sky or out at sea?

I wonder if 'twill be by chance,
Or if you'll warn me in advance
And under what grave circumstance.

I wonder if a foreign land
Will be the place you take my hand
And lead me to the "Promised Land."

—Pfc. Desmond Hallas

MAIL



CALL

Crooners

Dear Editor:
This topic is on Sinatra. It is addressed to all GIs who have no musical knowledge or must be ignorant of musicians. Especially Lt. Jim Burchard, who wrote about trying to make a bunch of Italian women "swoon" at what he termed a "hypnotic recording" of Sinatra. He must have been trying to be funny. He can lend me his ears and listen to this: it seems as though every orchestra must have a male vocalist. I happened to be one. The draft caught me before I could get anywhere but no one is going to



talk down the profession, if I can help it. They've put out enough publicity that's been lousy about a member of our profession, and I aim to stick by him.

He's not Lawrence Tibbett, of course, but he's got a voice with a style that millions of people like, including plenty of males, so don't kid yourself.

—Pfc. Lynn Mitchell

Ladies First

Dear Editor:
I am one of those people who believe the Wac's place is home, but seeing they are here, let's treat them like ladies.

Today, they are the ladyhood of

our land, the women of America of whom we are so proud and of whom we say so much. Tomorrow, they are our wives and the mothers of our great nation.

We die "I know for I have seen my comrades fall" for the principles of respect and all the other things we have been taught by our mother from the cradle and all the other things we know are rightfully due a lady.

Today, near our unit, there was a stage show. The sun beat down unmercifully, and standing in the heat and dust, "because they had no bars" were the ladies of our land. Up front in the shade "and there was shade and benches white-taped "Reserved for Officers."

Why couldn't that line be a little longer and also say "Reserved for Wacs."

Since when has an officer deserved more respect than the womanhood of America? It they do, why? For each reason you give me, I'll give you two why they don't.

—Pfc. Russell Pengelly

Burden On Sick Men

Dear Editor:
In our outfit when a man becomes ill, no matter how minor the case, he is ordered to pack all his belongings (approximately 150 lbs.) and carry them to the dispensary with him on sick call. This practice is not only useless but in many cases harmful to the individual. If it is meant to discourage men from going on sick call, it does succeed in doing that. Often a man waits until a minor ailment becomes chronic. This ignorant and useless order breaks morale and health, and if at all possible should be eliminated.

—Pvt. Don A.

Rough On Vets

Dear Editor:
In regard to an article appearing in Mail Call on the subject of "Rotation," my buddies and I, all with many months of combat experience, wish to emphatically voice our disapproval as to how our fellow sergeants, likewise with combat experience, are treated upon returning home on the Rotation system.

In said article, Lt. J. L. S. tells of how a buck-private drilled a group of combat veterans, sergeants to be specific, in close-order drill.

It must have taken much courage on the part of those concerned to have those sergeants undergo such humiliation at the hands of one who hasn't the slightest idea of what soldiering means. Likewise, it must be a fine way to express appreciation to those fighting men upon their return home, in spite of what they have done, in spite of their having fought so valiantly in battle.

It has constantly been stressed that to be a non-com one has to possess leadership. Likewise, it is an unknown factor that the backbone of the army, of any fighting force, are the non-coms in it.

Yet, despite their years of service, despite the fighting they have participated in, they are humiliated (in the highest sense of the word) and regressed at the hands of a rookie upon their return from the fighting front.

This should not be tolerated if the respect, rightfully due the non-com, is to be his.

—T-Sgt. Theodore Basta

... Reading an article in mail call on the subject "Rotation" July 26 issue, Lt. J. L. S. and all of us overseas, especially our outfit, wonder what has become of our wonderful Army.

When has it come off that a rookie buck private drills a group of overseas veterans on close order

drill? What kind of news is that to give the boys over here? It's the last straw.

To hell with rotation is what we say. This stuff has gone far enough. Give an overseas soldier a break and not break him.

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Combat Time

Dear Editor:
An Infantry man has a bit of a struggle in this war. We all know it. There seems to be little cussion in anyone's mind of this at the present writing. The Air Corps, too, has a difficult time of it, however, an airman has more to look forward to than his brother-in-arms, the infantryman. Upon the completion of a specified number of missions the airman goes home. On the other hand, the only thing that the infantryman has to look forward to is either the end of the war or becoming a casualty. Please don't think I have forgotten "Rotation." It appears to me that some method could be devised whereby upon the completion of say 200 days actually on the "Front," Infantry soldiers might be sent home to perform duties in the Infantry similar to those duties which airmen perform in the Air Corps, after being sent home. I do hope the war will be over soon making the above unnecessary.

—Capt. J. W. Noon

Tired Dogs

Dear Editor:
Time after time I, and the others whose signatures appear beneath, have much to our disgust noticed that the great majority of rear echelon troops are sporting the "new" combat shoes.

We in the front lines find it almost impossible to procure these improved shoes and feel we have a legitimate kick. We really need them up here. The QM Corps is sleeping so it seems to us. There just ain't no justice.

—T-3 M. J. M. Guinness
T-3 J. L. Morsin
T-5 D. S. Thompson
Pfc. Bruce Turner
T-3 S. Wirpo

Alright Not Right

Dear Editor:
Several of the fellows are having quite an argument over the spelling of "all right." I maintain that it is spelled "all right." Others say "alright." I claim that there is no such word. We would appreciate your giving us the correct spelling.

—S-Sgt. J. W. Hamilton

Alright is commonly used but is not proper. The correct spelling is "all right."—Editor.

LEND ME YOUR EARS

BY JIM BURCHARD

NAPLES, Aug. 11—Not in this year, but possibly in 1945, American skating enthusiasts will get their first glimpse of Franca Biazina Anna Maria Crimaldi.

The name of Crimaldi, of course, means nothing to GIs. In European roller skating circles, however, you mention this moniker with a certain amount of awe and considerable enthusiasm. Seven times holder of Italian championships, Franca Crimaldi is just about the best gal roller skater in Europe. In her own field she's Sonja Henie in spades.

Born in Naples 20 years ago, the blonde, blue-eyed Franca well realizes that the Europe of the next few years will concentrate upon matters of greater importance than roller skating. But the States, sports capital of the world, remain the happy hunting ground for fame and finance.

Better still, from Franca's point of view, roller skating is now major league in America. The rollers hit the higher brackets last year when they crashed Madison Square Garden, New York. This roller revue rivaled the ice skaters in box-office receipts. Once they grab Franca for a top stop, America's roller skaters will attain a new high. Franca can give Sonja a couple of curves and still make a Minsky headliner like a washwoman after a tough day at the Tubs.

The Roller World

Unless you're in the business, roller skating probably strikes you as something monopolized by small children and senile grownups. Actually it's bigtime stuff. A top-notch roller skater can do anything an ice skater can do, and possibly a trifle more. This goes for ballets or solos.

Because of the war, Franca has been somewhat handicapped. She took her last title in Palermo, Sicily, in 1942 under conditions which were decidedly unusual. Just as she skated forth, airplanes started dropping bombs. Concussion shook the rink, and spectators scurried for cover. Franca kept on skating, and gave a banner performance. She grabbed the championship without a dissenting vote.

When the Allies advanced upon Naples, Franca and her family sought shelter in a country house about 14 miles from the city. Germans commandeered the house and set up machineguns on the roof. For three days a battle raged with the Americans only 300 yards from the house. Luckily for the Crimaldi family it was well screened by trees. The lone casualty was a German soldier, who was shot through the wrist. Franca applied first aid.

Order Of The Day

There were 30 civilians in that house, about half of them women. The Germans had to be perfect gentlemen, as one Kraut lieutenant had seen Franca skate in Stuttgart and he issued orders of "hands off." When the Germans pulled out he said to Franca: "We hope the Americans are kind to you. We'll see you again in the spring."

"I think he must have been listening too much to the Berlin radio," said Franca.

Franca's chief rival was Signorina Egilda Cecchini protegee of the late Bruno Mussolini. The only time she was defeated was in 1941 near Florence. Egilda was voted first despite a storm of boos. Bruno was on his way to see the championships when his plane crashed. Three of the five judges were staunch Romans and pals of Bruno. Franca later obtained revenge, and Egilda went north with the Germans.

Ned Irish, acting president of Madison Square Garden, already has been apprised of Franca's desire to visit the United States. A GI-T-4 John Cliff, ex-hockey and skating promoter of Dallas, Texas, will be Franca's manager. Cliff knows roller skating from the ground up. What he doesn't know he's learning during frequent visits to the Crimaldi homestead where he stokes up on pastafazoola, vermicelli and moonlight.

Browns Win 1st Two Vital Tests

RAGAZZO LEARNS HOW



Pfc. Donald Dyer, Ft. Worth, Texas, a member of a MAAF bomb group, explains the finer points of the art of catching to a future Italian baseball hero. (MAAF Photo)

Grid Star, Now Pilot, Rescued From Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, Aug. 11—A former Giants' grid star, George Franck, 25, All-American half-back at Minnesota in 1940 and now a Marine captain, was rescued from enemy waters after his Corsair fighter plane was shot down in a raid on a Jap-held atoll.

After making a crash landing, Capt. Franck floated in his life raft for two and a half hours. He was so close to enemy land that he could "count every coconut tree on the island."

He was picked up by a motor whaleboat while a rescue destroyer slugged it out with Jap coastal defense guns. The destroyer moved in after a Navy PBV patrol plane, which landed to effect the rescue, was split in two and set afire by a 50-foot swell and its crew of six sent scampering to a liferaft.

Also participating in the melee were 14 fighter planes led by Maj. Loren D. (Doc) Everton, Crofton, Neb., commanding officer of Franck's fighter squadron of the 4th Marine Air Wing. They raced back to refuel and returned to strafe the firing enemy guns and to hover over their downed comrade.

"Those planes performed the best job of running interference that I ever had," Franck said.

In 1941, just before his brilliant season with the Giants, Franck won the most valuable player award in the All-Star grid games at Chicago between the collegians and the Chicago Bears. On the same field that day were Tommy Harmon, himself a hero of two rescues, and Hugh Gallarneau, now a ground officer with a Marine fighter squadron.

Utah Five Books 3 Games In East For Next Season

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 11—The University of Utah will send its national championship basketball team back East next winter to play three games. The "Jitterbug Five" will meet St. Johns of Brooklyn, from whom they won the national crown, in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 15 and will play Washington and Jefferson Dec. 9 and Canisius Dec. 18.

A. L. Leaders Beat Yankees, 3-2, 3-0

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 — There might be a team capable of stopping the St. Louis Browns' bid for their first pennant in the American League, but it doesn't look as though the Yankees are the club to do it. That was quite definitely proved here Wednesday and Thursday when the high-flying Brownies handed the world champions their lumps, 3-2 and 3-0, to inaugurate the St. Louis club's crucial eastern road trip.

A couple of part-time players, outfielder Al Zarilla and pitcher Denny Galehouse, were the main factors in the pair of Brownie wins. Zarilla, first name Al, is a rookie flychaser who occasionally gets his name into the St. Louis box score, but Wednesday he was the man of the hour, homering in the ninth to give Luke Sewell's hirelings a 3-2 victory.

This Time It Isn't Lippy Leo Who Pays

CHICAGO, Aug. 11—Lippy Leo Durocher had the novel experience today of handing out a fine instead of being socked with one himself as is usually the case.

Rube Melton, the Dodgers' eccentric righthanded pitcher, was AWOL Tuesday when the Bums boarded a bus for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for the game in which the Dodgers beat the sailors, 7-4.

Lippy doesn't want any explanations from Melton. All he wants is 100 green American dollars.

Yankee Maid Wins 18th Hambletonian

GOSHEN, N. Y., Aug. 11—Yankee Maid became the queen of American trotters Wednesday by winning the famed Hambletonian harness racing classic in two straight heats. An odds-on favorite in both heats Yankee Maid became the first filly to win the event since Shirley Hanover won in 1937. Her owner, Arch Derby, Wichita, Kans., oil operator won 18,467 dollars.

Under the skillful driving of Henry Thomas, 57-year-old half-Cherokee Indian, she scored over Emily Scott by five lengths in the first heat two minutes and five seconds and beat Enac in the second heat in 2:04. It was Thomas' third victory in the Hambletonian.

Yankee Maid paid 3.95 and 3.90 dollars in the first heat and 2.20, 2.40 and 2.50 dollars in the second heat. Yankee Maid was two-year-old champion in 1943.

Emily Scott was second and Rapid Hanover third in the first heat. Emily Scott paid 28.00 and 11.60; Rapid Hanover paid 11.70. Enac ran second in the second heat and paid 3.40 and 5.00 while Ruth's Day was third and paid 5.00.

Fighting Scott, Rose Dean, Foster Hanover, Betsy Babcock, Princess Juliana and Eva's Boy also ran.

Yankee Maid's victory netted her owner 18,467 dollars.

Tiger Trade

DETROIT, Aug. 11—The Tigers have released outfielder Charley Metro to Buffalo in the International League and have signed Roy Henshaw, veteran southpaw pitcher who had stayed out of baseball this year.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	74	27	.733
Cincinnati	55	45	.550
Pittsburgh	54	45	.545
New York	50	54	.481
Chicago	46	51	.474
Boston	43	58	.426
Brooklyn	42	62	.404
Philadelphia	38	59	.392

Wednesday's Scores
Pittsburgh 10, New York 3.
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 2.
Brooklyn 5, Chicago 2.
Boston 9, Cincinnati 6.

Thursday's Scores
Pittsburgh 10, New York 4.
Brooklyn 6, Chicago 4.
St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 9.
Boston 2, Cincinnati 9.

Leading Hitters			
	AB.	H.	Pct.
Musial, St. L.	402	144	.358
Walker, B'klyn.	389	139	.357
Hopp, St. L.	332	111	.334
Holmes, Bost.	418	136	.325
Hughes, Chi.	334	109	.323

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	64	42	.604
Boston	57	48	.543
Detroit	54	50	.519
New York	53	50	.515
Cleveland	53	55	.491
Chicago	50	55	.476
Philadelphia	47	61	.435
Washington	44	60	.423

Wednesday's Scores
Cleveland 4, Philadelphia 3.
Detroit 4, Washington 2.
St. Louis 3, New York 2.
Boston 9, Chicago 1.

Thursday's Scores
St. Louis 3, New York 9.
Boston 2, Chicago 1.
Detroit 3, Washington 2.
Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 4.

Leading Hitters			
	AB.	H.	Pct.
Doerr, Bost.	393	130	.331
Siebert, Phila.	311	101	.325
Fox, Bost.	339	108	.319
Boudreau, Cleve.	400	126	.315
Johnson, Bost.	340	103	.303

Yesterday it was Galehouse's six-hit pitching effort that blanked the New Yorkers, 3-0. It was the fifth straight triumph for Galehouse who works in a war plant and does his hurling on week-ends. Right now, however, he's spending his two weeks' vacation making the eastern swing with the Browns.

Zarilla's blow came off Hank Borowy who was seeking his 15th victory, but instead suffered his seventh loss. Nick Etten gave the Yanks an early lead in Wednesday's game, blasting a circuit clout with Hershel Martin on base, but the Brownies rallied in the eighth to tie the score and then win in the ninth on Zarilla's payoff clout.

Tex Hughson bade farewell to baseball for the duration as he gained his 18th win Wednesday, holding the White Sox to four hits as Boston whipped the Chicagoans, 9-1.

Bob Johnson and Jim Tabor homered to help Hughson bow out in a blaze of glory. Tex left after the game for his Kyle, Texas, home to visit his wife and infant son before being inducted into the Navy Aug. 27.

McAdams Adds Blow To Pro Grid Strife

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 11—The professional football war continued to reverberate throughout the nation with the announcement that Dean McAdams, former University of Washington star and now the property of the Washington Redskins has signed with the Seattle Bombers of the American League.

This league was recently organized to combat the Pacific Coast League, another new circuit.

Owner George Preston Marshall of the Washington Redskins, when informed of McAdams' actions, promptly said his halfback would be suspended for five years under the rules of the National League. McAdams then countered with: "I'm not jumping any contract. I never signed any."

Then came a statement from Jerry Geisler, famed criminal lawyer and president of the American League, who blasted Marshall and demanded fair play saying he wouldn't be intimidated by Marshall's threats.

Swimming Stars Arrive For Title Tournament

U. S. ARMY REST CENTER, Aug. 11—Most of the contestants in the big Allied Swimming Championships were expected to be here by August 18, 19 and 20. The championships, it was announced today, will be held in the PNS pool of the Stadia Nazionale, on Viale Paroli.

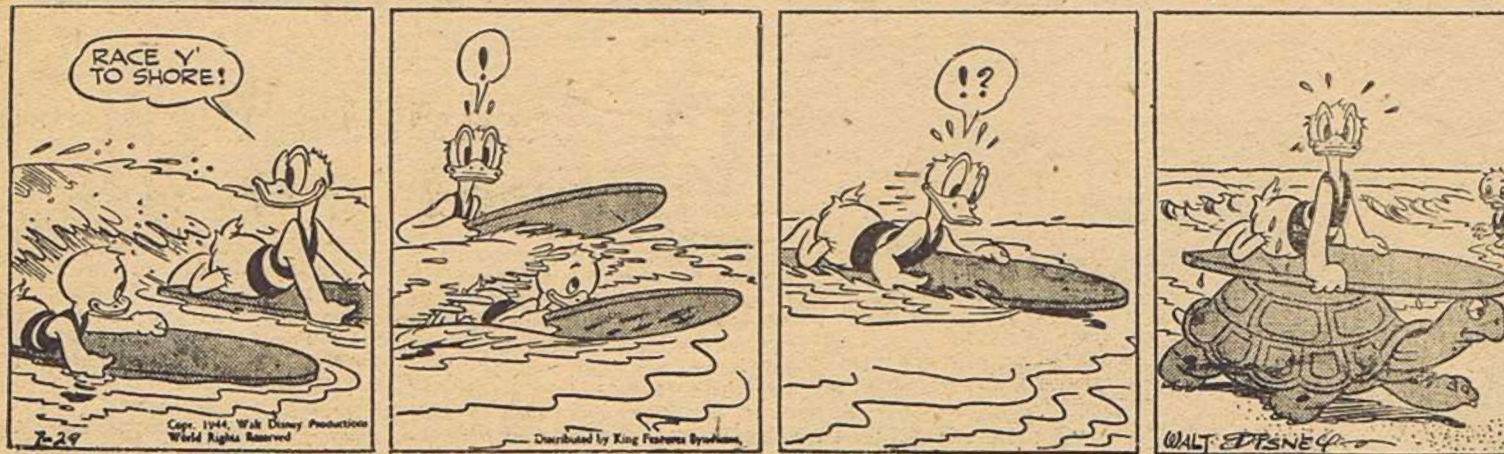
Eight zones, represented by about 20 to 30 swimmers each, many of them former Olympic stars or national champions, will participate in the meet which will be sponsored by the U. S. Navy.

Vice Admiral Kent Hewitt, commander of the U. S. naval forces in the Mediterranean, has been named honorary referee. It is not known whether or not he will attend.

DONALD DUCK

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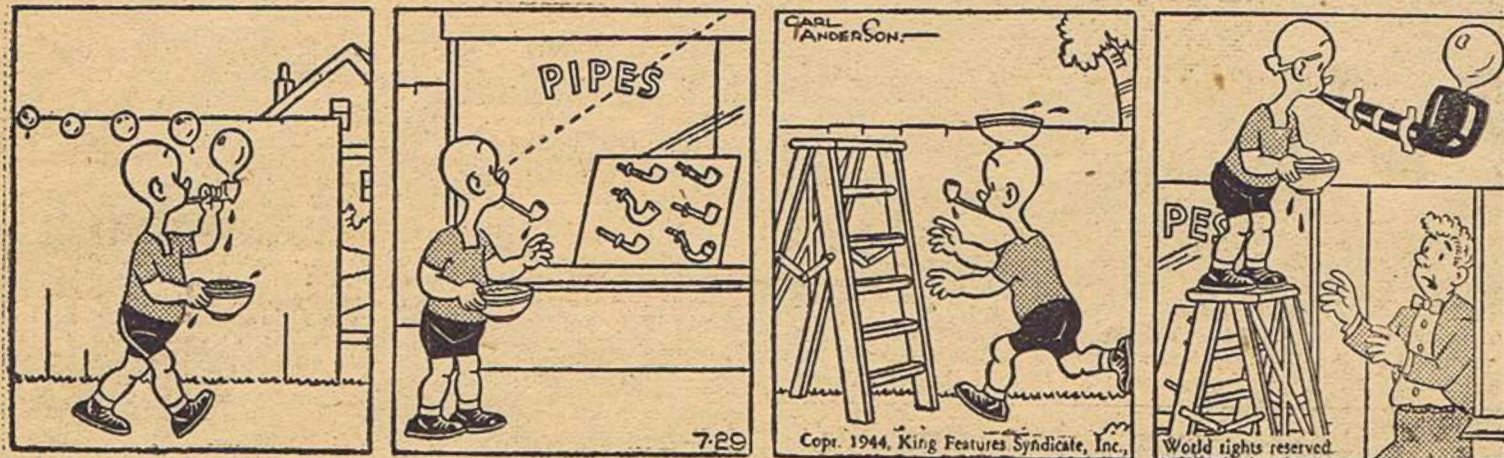
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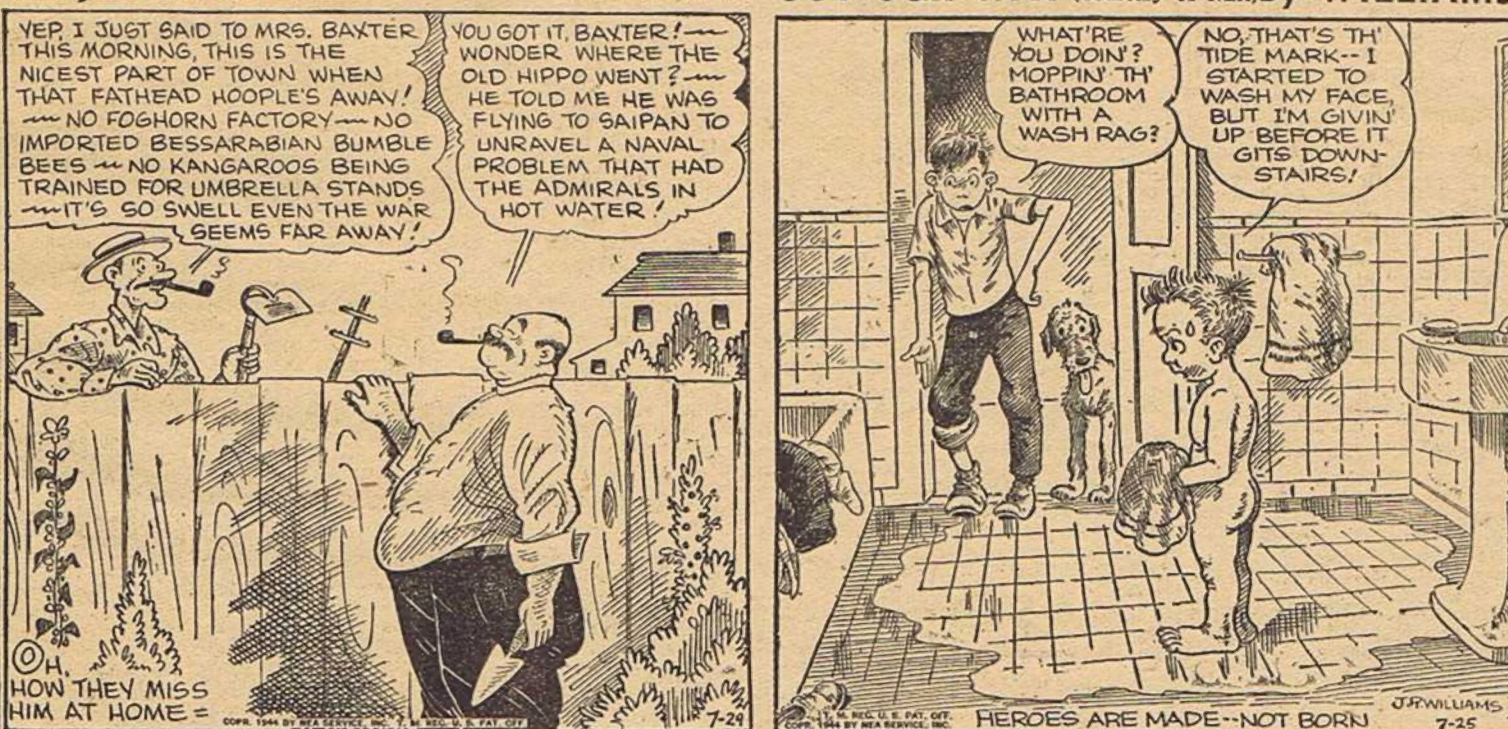
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OUT OUR WAY (Courtesy of NEA) By WILLIAMS



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By CHIC YOUNG



GI SHOPTALK

The 3,000,000th Garand rifle has just been turned out at the Springfield, Mass., Armory, setting a production record unequalled in the Armory's 150 years of existence. The 2,000,000th was off the line in 1943. Both historic weapons are in the Armory museum.

Wingtips—The expected life of a combat plane is 12 months. A big bomber can get in no more than 24 hours before a major maintenance job is needed. There are 39,000 parts in a Flying Fortress and approximately 100,000 in a Superfortress.

C ration note: A new type fuel tablet has been developed by the QM so the combat GI can have a quick hot meal from his C or K ration. It's trigxane, supposedly better than the paraffin candle once used because it's lighter, more compact and has a less luminous flame. It weighs an ounce and can heat a meal in six or seven minutes.

The Navy's last SBD Dauntless dive bomber has just rolled onto the field. The 5,936th is the last, because the Helldiver is replacing the Dauntless.

With an active strength of 77,000, Wacs are now on duty at more than 400 Army installations in the States. More than 7,000 are serving overseas in England, Normandy, Africa, Italy, India, Australia, New Guinea, Hawaii, Canada and Labrador. Six out of every ten have close relatives in the service. One out of two is under 26. One out of five is a college woman.

As Time Goes By: The war costs the U. S. 170,235.65 dollars a minute, or 2,837.26 dollars a second, day in, day out. In round numbers the U. S. spent 89,721,000,000 dollars for war in the fiscal year ending June 30.

RADIO PROGRAM

5TH ARMY MOBILE A. E. S. SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th

- AM
- 6:00—Reveille Revels
- 6:30—News (BBC)
- 6:45—Reveille Revels
- 8:00—News (BBC)
- 8:15—Sign Off
- 10:00—Sound Off
- 10:15—Bulletin Board of the Air
- 10:35—Tune Tonic
- 11:00—Week-End Waxin's
- 11:30—Melody Round Up
- 11:45—Junior's Jive Session
- PM
- 12:00—News Highlights
- 12:15—Personal Album
- 12:30—The Kordettes
- 12:45—Norman Cloutier Orch.
- 1:00—News (BBC)
- 1:15—NBC Symphony Orch.
- 2:00—Passing In Review
- 2:30—The Juke Box
- 3:00—News (BBC)
- 3:15—Sports Interview
- 3:30—National Barn Dance
- 4:00—Radio News Reel (BBC)
- 4:15—Richard Liebert at the Organ
- 4:30—News (CBS)
- 4:45—The Band Wagon
- 5:00—Straight from the States
- 5:15—Harry James Orch.
- 5:30—5th Army All-American Name Dance Band
- 6:00—World News (AFRS)
- 6:15—Evening Prayer
- 6:16—Raymond Scott Orch.
- 6:30—GI Journal
- 7:00—Truth or Consequence
- 7:30—Jubilee
- 8:00—The Band of the Week
- 8:30—Stars and Gripes
- 9:00—News Highlights
- 9:05—Hit Parade
- 9:30—Spotlight Bands
- 9:45—News
- 10:00—Dinah Shore
- 10:30—One Nite Stand
- 11:00—News
- 11:15—Musical Tour
- 11:55—News
- 12:00—Sign Off

Gen. Brereton Gets All-Airborne Army Created In France

LONDON, Aug. 11—The reorganization of Allied airborne forces in France, molding them into one command approximately the size of a full army under the leadership of Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, former commander of the 9th USAAF, was announced by SHAEF here yesterday. It is the first entirely airborne army in military history, the United Press reports.

Deputy Commander of the new airborne army is Lt. Gen. Frederick A. M. Browning, British Army. Gen. Brereton was one of General Douglas MacArthur's right hand men in the defense of Bataan Peninsula, and directed air operations there and over Java, Australia, India and the Middle East. He has a reputation as a fearless, hard-hitting leader.

General Browning served on the western front in World War I before he was 19. He was mentioned in dispatches, awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Order "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty."

Maj. Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, who was deputy chief of the American Expeditionary Air Force, will succeed General Brereton as commander of the 9th Airforce, and Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce will be deputy commander-in-chief of the AEAF.

A pioneer airman, Royce has served as commander of U. S. Army forces in the Middle East and earlier in the war was chief of staff of Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific.

Vandenberg, 46, was chief of staff of the Northwest African Strategic Air Force from 1942 to 1943 and last summer was senior member of a U. S. military mission to Russia.

B-24 Liberator Group Marks 100th Mission

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 11—A B-24 Liberator group which first saw action on a flight to Fier, Albania, Feb. 3, 1944, completed its 100th mission yesterday by bombing oil installations at Ploesti. During the 100 missions, the group has dropped 6,773 tons of bombs in 3,079 individual sorties and has destroyed 134 enemy planes.

Personnel of the group, commanded by Col. Robert E. L. Eaton, Belleville, Ill., holds two Legion of Merit awards, eight Silver Stars, 81 DFCs and Clusters, ten Soldier's Medals, 41 Purple Hearts and 3,513 Air Medals and Clusters.

ITALIAN FRONT

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from the coast to a point about 12 miles inland.

Around Florence and Pisa, no changes in positions were reported. Enemy shelling of the part of Florence south of the Arno which is held by the Allies was less than normal. Several prisoners were taken by 5th Army patrols after minor clashes east of Pisa.

The underwater bridge which the enemy was seen trying to construct on Wednesday south of San Giovanni all Vena, about nine miles east of Pisa, was described as consisting of rubble and rocks piled in shallow river to form a ford a few inches below the surface of the water wide enough for one vehicle.

Meanwhile, the Royal Navy announced that the harbors at Leghorn and Ancona had been swept clear of mines and opened to Allied shipping.

MAEDCHEN IN UNIFORM



A German nurse here adjusts the bandage on the arm of a wounded Nazi soldier who was captured as the Allies lunged toward Brest. (Photo through PWB)

Heifetz Convinced GIs Go For Long Hair Music

NEW YORK, Aug. 11—Long-haired music goes over fortissimo with eight of every ten GIs overseas, violinist Jascha Heifetz, back from his second tour of U. S. outposts, reported today.

Heifetz played 42 concerts in two months throughout Italy and neighboring territories.

"I know they liked what they heard," Heifetz said, "because they were there and they didn't walk out when I was about to begin a long piece. I often told them that if they wanted to leave then would be a good time. They didn't."

Heifetz played as close as four miles to the front and remembers vividly one occasion when enemy guns went into action. The program was being played on a truck. Some of the audience snatched Heifetz' violin and hid it under the truck. Then they dove into various shelters.

"I just stood there watching the show. Nobody thought to throw me under the truck," he said.

Heifetz had an audience with the Pope in Rome and learned that the Pope studied the violin as a boy. He also brought back hundreds of messages which he is delivering by letter and long distance phone.

The violinist found that wearing a uniform has its advantages. "I put it on one night before I left

America just to get used to it," he said. "I went to a movie to kill time. I gave the girl a dollar bill and got back much too much money. I tried to return it, and she wouldn't take it, explaining it was half price for soldiers."

Yanks In Chartres, On Road To Paris

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be putting up fierce resistance against American tank attacks between Mortain and Vire, still farther west, but they faced a serious supply problem, and it was apparent that they would have to withdraw from that salient.

In the Brittany peninsula, mopping up was proceeding in the areas of Hennebont, Auray and Quiberon, on the south coast. Lorient has been surrounded by American troops on the land side. The enemy maintained strong resistance at Brest, where elements of three divisions held out. American forces outside the city were joined by another force which proceeded along the peninsula's northern coastal road.

Although the defense at St. Malo was already reduced to just a strongpoint, Nazis there were still offering stubborn resistance.

Despite variable weather and unusually intense anti-aircraft fire, Allied aircraft continued their close support of the ground forces, especially around Le Mans, where 15 enemy tanks were destroyed.

Throughout the day RAF and USAAF planes ranged from Bordeaux to the Belgian border to attack supply centers and road and rail targets. Eight enemy planes were shot down and 26 others destroyed on the ground.

RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes slugged oil store depots at Bordeaux and La Palisse, on the Germans' Atlantic Wall, and the railway junction at Dijon. Mosquitoes again attacked Berlin last night with 4,000-pound blockbusters.

Cathedral And Cakes Notable In Chartres

Chartres, the little town on the hill which Yank recon cars passed today on the road to Paris, will be considered by many the most precious conquest of the French campaign.

Its cathedral of Notre Dame de Chartres, is one of the most perfect Gothic churches in existence. The cathedral initiated the great series of French Gothic churches in Paris, in Amiens, Bayvais and Reims.

The 26,000 inhabitants of Chartres are also proud of their pavés de Chartres or Chartres cobblestones, the sweet, spice-covered cake for which French children drooled from the Rhine to Marseilles.

15th Concentrates On Balkan Areas

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 11—Railway yards at Kraljevo, 120 miles northeast of Dubrovnik in Yugoslavia, were attacked last night by heavy and medium bombers of the RAF in their second assault within 24 hours on military targets in the Balkans. Rumanian-American oil installations in the Ploesti area of Rumania were bombed by the RAF Wednesday night.

Planes of the Tactical Air Force which had ranged far over southern France and northern Italy during the week in concentrated attacks on bridges, rail lines and other military objectives were restricted by bad weather in operations yesterday and missions were confined to the bombing of enemy coastal gun positions in northwest Italy. A number of targets were hit in the Savona area.

The daylight attack yesterday by medium forces of Flying Forts and Liberators of the 15th AAF on oil installations in the Ploesti area upon the heels of the RAF attack Wednesday night was the thirteenth assault on these targets by the 15th AAF. Refineries have been the objectives of ten of the assaults. Railway installations were bombed on three of the raids.

Intense flak was reported in the Ploesti raid yesterday but the few Luftwaffe fighters which attempted to intercept the bombers were driven off and six enemy planes were downed by escorting Mustangs and Lightnings and bomber gunners.

Returning crewmen reported that a number of fires had been started and columns of thick, black smoke, visible for 150 miles, had risen some 20,000 feet into the air.

Morris Ernst Criticizes 'Cynical' Press Tactics

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 11—Morris L. Ernst, New York attorney, declared at the American Newspaper Guild convention today that newspaper practices "have induced a terrible cynicism" among the reading public.

"Thirty men control the pipelines to the minds of the nation," Ernst said. "Names are unimportant, but remember there are five big movie companies, four radio network syndicates and press association groups, and there is the fact that 370 out of 900 radio stations are owned by newspapers."

"The newspapers now are probably as good as we can get or deserve, but they have lost the confidence of the public and the confidence of their own employees."

Radioman Returns From 'Dead' After 31 Months On Guam

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 11—Chief Radioman George Ray Tweed, 42, Portland, Ore., returned home to America today virtually from the dead.

For more than two and a half years Tweed dodged Japanese soldiers on the island of Guam, from the night that the island fell to the enemy on December 11, 1941.

His is a fantastic dramatic story. But his wife, Mary Frances, 27, who met him here today, never gave up hope throughout the long, silent months, a hope that was rewarded in a joyous greeting here.

Tweed, it was revealed, was rescued from Guam July 10 after 31 months of touch and go fighting against the Japs and hiding in the hills and caves of the island.

The Japs knew of his presence on the island and sought ceaselessly to effect his capture. They posted rewards and even had a permanent 50-man search detail scouring the hills to get him for months on end. To save face they finally declared he was officially dead in April this year.

An American ship made a daring rescue of Tweed well within the range of Japanese shore guns in the days before the Yank attack on the island. It was reported.

Col. David Sarnoff Visits General Clark In Italy

ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 11—Col. David Sarnoff, U. S. Signal Corps, who is attached to General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters as a special advisor on communications, returned today from a visit to the 5th Army front with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark. Col. Sarnoff, President of RCA, is on a tour of inspection of communications in the Mediterranean Theater. Col. Sarnoff was received in private audience today by Pope Pius XII for half an hour.

Myron C. Taylor, representative of President Roosevelt to the Vatican, also was received by Pope Pius in private audience today.

HOME FRONT

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ward that reached the tip of the Breton Peninsula cutting Brittany in two from end to end.

2. Armored thrusts that pierced to the River Loire, natural flank barrier for the coming drive into central France.

3. Swift armored strokes that reached into Brest and drove close to all of Brittany's other main ports—Saint Nazaire, Lorient, Nantes, Saint Malo—all of which can be used to receive millions of tons of equipment now being slowly filed through the bottleneck of the single large port of Cherbourg.

4. The swing east toward Paris that is now reported some 50 miles from the famed city.

5. The "elimination" of 13 enemy divisions and inflicting of casualties estimated at 250,000 men.

So swift has been the American advance on Paris that observers say there apparently is no hard German line of defense left guarding France's apex. They believe the first solid defenses protecting Germany itself from western invasion is the reversed Maginot Line and never-used Siegfried lines.

Certainly the home front is ready to enter Paris right now. The Stars and Stripes office has been the recipient of a number of calls from good-wishers pointing out that the column width of Paris newspapers is not the same as current issues of Stars and Stripes and therefore we had better take special typesetting machinery with us into the famed capital or else put out a larger-sized paper.

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Units, which are in the field and not attached to either division or corps, can obtain their copies of The Stars and Stripes at the following offices: Civitavecchia, Route 1; Grosseto, Route 1; Piombino, junction of Routes 1 and A; APO, 5th Army Rear; and at the American Red Cross about a mile south of Leghorn.

LI'L ABNER

(Courtesy of United Features)

By AL CAPP

